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Additional COVID-19 Aid Coming to RI



Dear Friends,

As our public health and the nation's economic stability continue to hang in the balance, it is clear the American people need more help to get through this pandemic. I'm pleased to share that additional aid will soon come to Rhode Island. Yesterday, Congress passed a legislative package that, while not perfect, reflects bipartisan consensus. It keeps the federal government open, delivers critical aid to those most in need, ends the practice of surprise medical billing, and supports Rhode Island manufacturing with funds for the Virginia-class submarine program.

The COVID-19 relief package will get cash into the pockets of working families struggling to make ends meet with \$600 relief payments. It will deliver additional aid for our small businesses to keep their doors open with \$304 billion in forgivable loans and grants. Based on feedback I heard from Rhode Islanders, I fought to include \$15 billion in targeted assistance for live venues and cultural institutions.

Join the Conversation:



Save The Date

OPEN ENROLLMENT

HealthSourceRI open enrollment closes tomorrow!

The deadline to pick and pay for health coverage that starts at the beginning of the new year is December 23.

Did You Know...?

HELP IS A PHONE CALL AWAY

Rep. Langevin's office is continuing to work diligently to assist constituents with issues such as Social Security and veterans benefits and small business aid through the SBA. Visit us online or call (401) 732-9400. >>

FAST FACT

There have been over 80,000 cases of COVID-19 in Rhode Island. If you may have been exposed, schedule a test. >>

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Further, this package will ensure that people who have lost their jobs can stay afloat with \$300 supplemental weekly unemployment benefits and the extension of benefits for the long-term unemployed who haven't been able to get back on the job while the pandemic rages. To fight COVID-19 directly, we include close to \$9 billion to support robust vaccination operations. This package will dedicate considerable resources to help the hardest hit Americans continue to put food on their tables with enhanced food benefits and keep roofs over their heads with an extension of the eviction moratorium and \$25 billion in emergency relief for renters.

By no means is this package a silver bullet, but it does represent real progress. After all, it has been more than six months since the House first passed the Heroes Act to provide relief to struggling Americans. The challenges we face today did not appear overnight, and Congress will have to provide additional support if we hope to continue to turn the corner. I am pleased we could work across the aisle to advance this bill, and I'm ready to get to work on another once President-elect Biden takes the helm.

To keep up with the latest on COVID relief, please visit [my website](#) and follow me on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#) and [Instagram](#).

Sincerely,

Jim Langevin



National Cyber Director Act

[This year's bipartisan defense bill](#), currently on the President's desk, will make crucial investments to maintain the United States' readiness, expand our capabilities, and provide critical support to our troops. I've been working on bolstering our nation's cybersecurity for more than a decade, and I'm excited that the [National Cyber Director Act](#) is in the final bill. [In the wake of a major breach](#), we need to ensure someone is in charge of cybersecurity within the White House.

Rep. Langevin joined Rhode Island's congressional delegation at General Dynamics Electric Boat to tout a \$9.5 billion Navy contract that will support submarine building in the district. >>

HONORING A FALLEN HERO

Rep. Langevin is leading legislation to rename a Slatersville Post Office in honor of Specialist Matthew R. Turcotte, who was killed in 2017. >>

CELEBRATING ADOPTION ANGELS

Kimberley and AJ Maynard, of Chepachet, and Emilia and Robert Morsilli, of Hope, who were nominated by Rep. Langevin as "Angels in Adoption," were featured in *The Valley Breeze*. >>

DEBUNKING BASELESS ELECTION CLAIMS

Rep. Langevin condemned President Trump's firing of CISA Director Chris Krebs, the nation's top election cybersecurity official who debunked baseless election fraud claims. >>

HAINES TO HEAD UP INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY

Rep. Langevin applauded the nomination of former Deputy National Security Adviser Avril Haines to be Director of National Intelligence. >>

COMBATING MISINFORMATION AND DISINFORMATION

Rep. Langevin spoke to *The Wall Street Journal* about the threat misinformation and disinformation pose to Americans and our democracy. >>



Expanding Access to Apprenticeships

Last month, the House passed the [National Apprenticeship Act](#), which will invest more than \$3.5 billion to expand opportunities and access to Registered Apprenticeships, youth apprenticeships, and pre-apprenticeships to boost the nation's workforce and economy in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. I successfully included an amendment that allows pre-apprenticeship programs to use grant funds to provide stipends for participants to cover certain out-of-pocket costs such as housing, transportation, and childcare.

FUTURE OF CYBER POLICY

Rep. Langevin shared his thoughts with *Politico* on the future of cybersecurity strategy and policy under a Biden Administration. >>

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